

# Officers refuse to talk after fatal shooting

Detective shot another man to death four years ago

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investigators for more than a year.

Dawson was being arrested for alleged drug-related offences when the shooting occurred, police said.

Metro police Chief Dave Boothby told reporters at the scene Sunday night that Dawson had tried to grab an officer's gun.

"A violent struggle ensued," Boothby told reporters.

"This led to two officers discharging their firearms. The suspect, the sole occupant of his vehicle, was mortally wounded."

SIU officials have now taken over the case. At a news conference yesterday, they said two police handguns and the victim's car have been seized.

Marin wouldn't say how many bullets hit Dawson, or where.

In the 1993 incident, Coley was a passenger in a car that had been targeted by detectives — including members of the Black Organized Crime Squad — as part of Operation Triggerlock, set up to trap users and owners of illegal firearms.

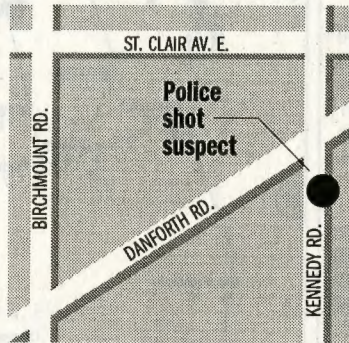
The vehicle, driven by Mark Anthony Goodhall, was followed from Hilly's, a Scarborough nightclub, and stopped by Shank and his partner, Constable Chris Size, on the instruction of detectives.

Coley, a father of one, fled from the vehicle after it stopped on Brimorton Dr. just west of Markham Rd. He was chased by Shank and Size.

Coley and Shank outdistanced Size and were alone in a backyard on Peace Dr. when Coley allegedly pointed a pistol at the officer, who shot him twice.

After Dawson was shot Sunday, paramedics worked for about 20 minutes trying to stabilize him, but he died at the scene.

Zafar Qaryzada, 18, said he was getting ready to bake some muffins at Break Time Donuts, about 200 metres north of the industrial-commercial area



where Dawson was shot, when a friend yelled that something was happening.

A black car, which was pointed northbound on Kennedy Rd., had been boxed in by a van and other cars — all of them unmarked police cars.

"We thought it was a gang fight," said Qaryzada, who called 911.

Qaryzada said he had a good view of what was happening thanks to a bright street light and all the car headlights.

Several people surrounded the black car, most of them on the passenger side, he said. One smashed the car's rear window with something "long" while another pointed "a long gun,



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**SHOOTING WITNESS:** Zafar Qaryzada, 18, witnessed Sunday night's fatal police shooting in Scarborough. "We thought it was a gang fight," he said.

probably a shotgun or a rifle," at the passenger window, Qaryzada said.

While Qaryzada said he couldn't hear any shots because of loud music in the doughnut shop, he said he saw the gun recoil upwards and a man stagger backward and fall to the ground.

Qaryzada said he didn't see anyone come out the passenger

door or a struggle.

Seconds after the man fell, pandemonium broke loose and Qaryzada said he saw people jump into their cars and back them away.

"I thought it was a gang fight and it was over. They hit the guy and they're leaving," Qaryzada said.

Qaryzada and his friend also

said a woman who was with her husband in a car right behind the action came to the doughnut store to use the washroom.

She said she had already been interviewed by police and told them she'd heard three shots fired.

Qaryzada had still not been interviewed by the SIU late yesterday afternoon.